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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN SITUATION REPORT JUNE 22 - JUNE 29, 1987  
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2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE BRIEFED TO JOURNALISTS

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ON SUMMARIES AND SELECTED EXCERPTS FROM PARAS 4 AND 5.)

3. SUMMARY: RECENT SIGNIFICANT AIR LOSSES IN THE PAGHMAN-NORTH WARDAK AREA UNDERSCORE SOVIET CONCERNS ABOUT MUJAHIDIN ANTI-AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY AND APPEAR TO HAVE LED TO THE SOVIETS TO RELY MORE HEAVILY ON INTENSE ARTILLERY AND ROCKETS. SOVIET FORCES HAVE DEPLOYED WESTWARD TO MAIDAN SHAR IN AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO MOVE WITHIN RANGE OF MUJAHIDIN REAR AREAS IN A VALLEY WEST OF PAGHMAN. THE SOVIETS AND DRA FORCES HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ADVANCE FURTHER WESTWARD HOWEVER AND THIS WEEK SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES IN A MUJAHIDIN-LOCAL FORCE ATTACK ON THEIR POSITIONS AT MAIDAN SHAR. MUJAHIDIN REPORTEDLY ARE CONTRIBUTING TO POOR DRA MORALE BY TREATING CAPTURED DRA TROOPS LENIENTLY. IN KABUL PARTY FEUDING MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR A BOMB BLAST IN THE CITY WHICH KILLED AND WOUNDED MANY. TWO INSTANCES OF FIGHTING BETWEEN PDPA FACTIONS WERE REPORTED IN KABUL DURING THE WEEK. MEANWHILE, HEAVY FIGHTING IS REPORTED IN KANDAHAR, HERAT, LOGAR AND BALKH. REGIME LOSS IN KANDAHAR MAY BE PARTICULARLY HIGH. EARLIER THIS SPRING, ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM THE AREA, MUJAHIDIN IN JAUZJAN PROVINCE ROCKETED SOVIET TURKMENISTAN, DRAWING RETALIATORY SOVIET AIR ATTACKS. NAJIB HAS STATED PUBLICLY THAT THE DRA WILL ANNOUNCE ITS INTENTION TO EXTEND OR TERMINATE THE "CEASEFIRE"

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ON JULY 14. HE ALSO ADMITTED THAT "REVOLUTIONARY POWER" HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO LESS THAN 25 PERCENT OF VILLAGES IN AFGHANISTAN. THE AFGHANI, UNDER PRESSURE OF HAJ PILGRIMS SEEKING HARD CURRENCIES, THIS WEEK SOARED TO AN UNPRECEDENTED 178 AFGHANIS PER DOLLAR (COMMERCIAL RATE). END SUMMARY.

4. KABUL PYROTECHNICS AND SECURITY:

TWO REPORTS THIS WEEK CLAIMED FIGHTING BETWEEN RIVAL PARCHAMI AND KHALOI CADRE IN KABUL (IN KARTE CHAR AND IN QALA-I-NAJAGHAW) IN WHICH ONE PERSON WAS KILLED. POSSIBLY AS MANY AS SIX WERE KILLED (REGIME FIGURES CITE ONE KILLED) IN A BOMB EXPLOSION ABOARD A BUS THAT MANY SPECULATE WAS THE RESULT OF FACTIONAL FEUDING. REPORTS PERSIST OF YOUNG CHILDREN BEING ABDUCTED WITH THE LATEST REPORTS CLAIMING THREE YOUNG GIRLS WERE KIDNAPPED THIS WEEK IN THE SILO AREA. OPEN JEEPS CARRYING SIX TO EIGHT HELMETED, ARMED SARANDOI POLICE HAVE BEGUN CITY PATROLS. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF ROCKETS IMPACTING IN THE CITY.

--JUNE 25-26: OVERNIGHT, MUJAHIDIN KILLED THREE SOVIET SOLDIERS IN KORE SANGU. REPORTS OF THE SLAYING

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NO DAMAGE WAS REPORTED. DIPLOMATS OBSERVED A PAIR OF SINGLE PARACHUTE FLARES TO THE NORTH AND NORTHWEST INSIDE THE KABUL BASIN AT 1230.

--JULY 1: DIPLOMATS REPORTED LOUD EXPLOSIONS AT 1800 AND 1900, BOTH POSSIBLY OUTGOING ARTILLERY TO THE NORTH.

--JULY 2: DIPLOMATS HEARD SINGLE SHOT SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE EAST OF WAZIR AKBAR KHAN AT 2210. GROUND LAUNCH FLARES WERE SEEN IN THE VICINITY AT THE SAME  
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-- JULY 3: DRA MEDIA AND LOCAL SOURCES REPORTED A BOMB EXPLODED  
ABOARD A BUSS CARRYING MINISTRY OF EDUCATION CADRE IN KABUL AT  
0800. DRA MEDIA CLAIMED ONE DEAD AND NINE INJURED IN CONTRAST TO  
LOCAL SOURCE CLAIMS THAT AS MANY AS SIX WERE KILLED. SOME  
AFGHANS SPECULATE THAT THE BOMB WAS THE RESULT OF FACTIONAL  
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DISPUTES WITHIN THE PDPA. MUJAHIDIN THUS FAR HAVE NOT CLAIMED  
RESPONSIBILITY. AT 2110 DIPLOMATS HEARD BRIEF HEAVY MACHINE GUN  
FIRE FROM THE AIRPORT AND AT THE SAME TIME OBSERVED MANY  
GROUND LAUNCHED FLARES IN THE AREA.

BETWEEN 1930 AND 2000 NORTH OF THE KABUL BASIN  
NEAR KOTALE KHAIR KHANA.

--JULY 5: OUTGOING ARTILLERY, AUDIBLE IN NORTH KABUL,  
CONTINUED FROM APPROXIMATELY 0500 TO 0700. BEGINNING AT  
2345 AND CONTINUING UNTIL WELL AFTER MIDNIGHT. A DIPLOMAT  
OBSERVED AND HEARD EXPLOSIONS AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE  
AIR BURST ARTILLERY TO THE NORTH OF THE RIDGE THAT  
FORMS THE NORTHERN PERIMETER OF THE KABUL BASIN.  
THE AREA OF FIGHTING, APPROXIMATELY TEN KMS. NORTH OF THE ARG  
PALACE, STRETCHED FROM KHAIR KHANA PASS EASTWARD FOR  
APPROXIMATELY SIX KMS.

# 5. MILITARY MOVEMENT IN THE KABUL AREA:

(-A) (AIR:) DAILY SOVIET HELICOPTER MOVEMENT FROM KABUL AIRPORT  
TO THE WEST AND SOUTHWEST WAS HEAVY THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. THE  
HELICOPTERS DEPARTED IN LIFTS AS LARGE AS 14 AT  
ALTITUDES OF APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET. REPORTS

INDICATE THAT THE FLIGHTS WERE LARGELY CONFINED  
TO RESUPPLY OF MEN AND MATERIEL TO SOVIET UNITS  
IN THE PAGHMAN AND MAIDAN SHAR AREAS AND DID NOT  
E TAIL SIGNIFICANT USE OF THE AIR CRAFT OVER MUJAHIDIN-  
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HELD TERRITORY IN OFFENSIVE COMBAT. IL-76 TRAFFIC DROPPED  
SIGNIFICANTLY FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS TOTAL OF  
35 TO 19 THIS WEEK.

--JUNE 29: THREE IL-76'S ARRIVED THEN DEPARTED.

--JUNE 30: SIX IL-76'S ARRIVED THEN DEPARTED. AT  
1000 PARACHUTE CLUSTER FLARES WERE NOTED TO THE  
WEST OF KABUL. (SEE PARA 19, MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS.)

--JULY 1: ONE IL 76 ARRIVED THEN DEPARTED.

--JULY 2: THREE IL-76' ARRIED THEN DEPARTED.

--JULY 3: THREE IL-76'S ARRIVED THEN DEPARTED.

DIPLOMATS NOTED HEAVY AOVERNIGHT AIR TRAFFIC.

--JULY 4: TWO IL-76'S ARRIVED THEN DEPARTED.

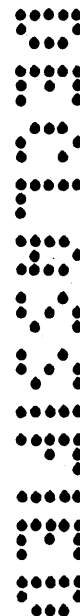
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NORTHWEST. (SEE PARA 19, MILITARY DEBELOPMENTS.)

--JULY 5: THREE IL-76'S ARRIVED THEN DEPARTED.

--JUNE 29: AT 0515 OVER 50 DRA FUEL TANKERS (ID NUMBER 219-4)  
LEFT JALALABAD ROAD AND MOVED EAST ON PERIMETER ROAD.  
--JUNE 30: AT 1030 TWENTY SOVIET AMMO TRUCKS WITH BTR  
ESCORT MOVED WEST FROM KABUL.

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-- JULY 1: AT 0725 A SOVIET CONVOY OF APPROXIMATELY  
35 VEHICLES, INCLUDING FUEL TRUCKS, BMP'S AND  
ZU-23 GUN TRUCKS, HEADED WEST FROM KABUL.  
AT 1230 ANOTHER SOVIET CONVOY OF 57 VEHICLES WAS  
OBSERVED MOVING WEST FROM KABUL. IT INCLUDED  
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32 FLAT-BED TRUCKS CARRYING AMMUNITION, 12 FOUR-TON COVERED  
TRUCKS AND 13 ARMORED VEHICLES.

--JULY 3: AT 0650 OVER 60 SOVIET FUEL TANKERS  
WERE STAGED NORTH ON SALANG ROAD. AT 1730 TWENTY SOVIET  
TRUCKS CARRYING LONG RECTANGULAR BOXES (POSSIBLY ROCKETS)  
MOVED FROM NORTH KABUL WESTWARD.

--JULY 4: AT 0530 FIVE TRUCKS, EACH CONTAINING 60-70

DRA TROOPS, WERE OBSERVED MOVING TOWARD THE AIRPORT. AT 0610 OVER 50 SOVIET FUEL TRUCKS WERE NOTED STAGED NORTH ON SALANG ROAD.

--JULY 5: A SOVIET ARMOR/ARTILLERY PATROL WAS OBSERVED HEADED EAST ON PERIMETER ROAD AT 0605. IT INCLUDED ONE BTR-60, ONE BTR-70, THREE TRUCK-TOWED D-30 GUNS, FIVE T-55 TANK RECOVERY VEHICLES (ONE COMMO AND THREE TOWING D-30 GUNS), AND TWO COVERED TRUCKS.

-- COMBAT IN THE PROVINCES --

6. KABUL PROVINCE (SEE PARAS 4 AND 5 FOR KABUL CITY DEVELOPMENTS:)

(A) (KABUL NORTH:) A RELIABLE AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTED THAT SOVIET ARTILLERY FIRED ON KARIZ-EMIR DURING THE EARLY EVENING OF JULY 1. DIPLOMATS HEARD OUTGOING ARTILLERY FROM KHAIR KHANA AT APPROXIMATELY 1800 AND 1900. DURING THE WEEK, ACCORDING TO A REGULAR AFGHAN SOURCE KNOWLEDGEABLE REGARDING DEVELOPMENTS NORTH OF KABUL, SOVIET ARTILLERY POSITIONED NEAR SHAKADARA FIRED INDISCRIMINATELY INTO THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY SIDE WHERE MUJAHIDIN HAVE BEEN OPERATING MORE FREELY AS A RESULT OF REDUCED SOVIET AIR SURVEILLANCE AND AIRBORNE OPERATION

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(B) (KAUBL SOUTH:) A REGULAR AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTED THAT OVER THE PAST WEEK SOVIET ARTILLERY, INCLUDING TANKS, HAVE FIRED PERSISTENTLY FROM POSITIONS ON TAPE TAJBIK (TWO KMS. SOUTH OF DARULAMAN), TARGETING VILLAGES SOUTH OF KABUL NOT UNDER REGIME CONTROL.

(C) (WESTERN KABUL AND NORTHERN WARDAK:) LESS THAN A MONTH INTO THIS SUMMER'S SOVIET/DRA EFFORT TO SECURE THE PAGHMAN AREA, THE SOVIETS APPEAR TO BE BOGGED DOWN, THEIR EFFORTS HINDERED BY A LACK OF COMBAT AIR SUPPORT AND FLAGGING MORALE AMONG DRA FORCES. IN PLACE OF HELIBORNE ASSAULTS AND FIXED-WING AIR ATTACKS, BOTH NOW VULNERABLE TO MUJAHIDIN ANTI-AIR CAPABILITY, THE SOVIET MILITARY WITH LIMITED DRA SUPPORT IS RESORTING TO EXTENSIVE USE OF ARTILLERY. (SEE ALSO KABUL NORTH AND SOUTH FOR REPORTING ON INCREASED SOVIET RELIANCE ON ARTILLERY IN LIEU OF AIR ATTACKS.) DESPITE CONSERVATIVE USE OF AIR ASSETS, THE SOVIETS REPORTEDLY ARE SUFFERING SERIOUS AIR LOSSES IN THE PAGHMAN-NORTH WARDAK AREA. GENERALLY RELIABLE AFGHAN SOURCES REPORTED THE FOLLOWING AIR LOSSES IN THE PAGHMAN-NORTH WARDAK AREA: JUNE 19-22, THREE HELICOPTERS DOWN

IN THE PAGHMAN AREA. ONE HELICOPTER DOWNED AND ONE FIXED-



TWO HELICOPTERS DOWN IN THE SANGLAKH AREA; JUNE 29-30.  
FOUR HELICOPTERS DOWN IN THE VICINITY OF PAGHMAN; JUNE 30. TWO  
JET FIGHTERS DOWN IN SANGLAKH; AND JULY 2, TWO  
HELICOPTERS DOWN IN PAGHMAN. (COMMENT: WHILE THESE  
REPORTS OF DOWNED SOVIET AND DRA AIRCRAFT MAY BE INFLATED  
IN SOME INSTANCES BY DOUBLE REPORTING AND SOME EXAGGERATION,  
IT NONETHELESS APPEARS CLEAR THAT SOVIET/DRA FORCES HAVE LOST  
MANY AIRCRAFT IN THE PAGHMAN-NORTHERN WARDAK AREA IN RECENT  
WEEKS.

END COMMENT: ) ACCORDING TO AN AFGHAN

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... SOURCE FROM THE MAIDAN SHAR AREA OF NORTHERN WARDAK, LARGE  
... NUMBERS OF SOVIET TROOPS ALONG WITH DRA UNITS, INCLUDING 200-300  
... TROOPS OF THE KHAD FIFTH DIRECTORATE, HAVE MOVED INTO THE  
... MAIDAN SHAR AREA. REPORTEDLY THE SOVIETS ARE ATTEMPTING TO  
... PRESS WEST TOWARD JALEZE (34'28"N 68'38"E) WITH THE APPARENT  
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... INTENTION OF MOVING NORTH INTO THE SANGLAKH (34'32"N 68'40"E)  
... AREA, A PRINCIPAL MUJAHIDIN REAR AREA FOR SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS  
... IN PAGHMAN. MUJAHIDIN FORCES REPORTEDLY ARE WELL DUG IN AT  
... JALEZE AND ALONG THE WEST-RUNNING ROAD FROM MAIDAN SHAR,  
... EFFECTIVELY BLOCKING SOVIET MOVEMENT WEST. LOW INTENSITY  
... COMBAT BETWEEN MUJAHIDIN OPERATING OUT OF JALEZE AND SOVIET/DRA  
... FORCES AT MAIDAN SHAR HAS BEEN CHRONIC SINCE LATE JUNE. ON  
... THE EVENING OF JULY 2, HOWEVER, MUJAHIDIN, SUPPORTED BY

A MAJOR ATTACK AGAINST SOVIET POSITIONS IN THE MAIDAN SHAR AREA, INFLECTING HEAVY CASUALTIES. ACCORDING TO AN AFGHAN WOURCE WITH TIES TO THE PAGHMAN AREA, MUJAHIDIN HAVE ADOPTED A STRATEGY REPORTEDLY EMPLOYED BY MUJAHIDIN IN RECENT KANDAHAR FIGHTING, DISARMING AND RELEASING SARANDOI AND REGULAR DRA TROOPS BUT DEALING SEVERELY WITH CAPTURED SOVIET, KHAD (MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY) TROOPS AND PDPA CADRE.

## 7. LOGAR:

AN AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTED INTENSE FIGHTING BETWEEN MUJAHIDIN AND SOVIET/DRA FORCES AT MUSAI (34°23'N 69°13'E) AND NAMONYOS (34°21'N 69°07'E). A SEPARATE AFGHAN SOURCE IN A REPORT WE REGARD AS UNCONFIRMED CLAIMED THAT MUJAHIDIN KILLED THE GOVERNOR OF LOGAR PROVINCE ON JUNE 27 OR JUNE 28.

## 8. BALKH:

AN AFGHAN SOURCE WITH TIES TO THE MAZAR-I-SHARIF AREA CLAIMED THAT FIGHTING AROUND THE CITY HAS INCREASED IN RECENT WEEKS BUT THAT SOME REGIME FORCES ARE REFUSING TO FIGHT AND THAT MANY ARE "RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES."

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AFGHANS WITH TIES TO AQCHEH (36°56'N 66°11'E) ON THE SHEBERGAN - MAZAR-I-SHARIF ROAD CLAIMED THAT FIGHTING IN THE AREA HAS INCREASED THIS YEAR OVER LAST YEAR. THE REGIME HAS AN OFFICE IN AQCHEH WHICH HAS NO CONTACT WITH THE COMMUNITY. THE LEADING MUJAHIDIN COMMANDER IN THE AREA IS NAMED JAFFAR (HEZBI ISLAMI). RELATIONS BETWEEN MUJAHIDIN GROUPS IN THE AREA, WHILE IMPROVED OVER LAST YEAR, ARE COOL, PARTICULARLY WHEN JAFFAR IS NOT IN THE AREA. A RESIDENT OF JAUZJAN CLAIMS THAT "THREE OR FOUR MONTHS AGO" MUJAHIDIN FIRED ROCKETS INTO SOVIET TERRITORY FROM POSITIONS NEAR QARQIN (37°25'N 66°03'E). SOVIET FORCES REPORTEDLY RETALIATED WITH HEAVY BOMBING IN THE QARQIN AREA. A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTED THAT ON JULY 3 MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED A SOVIET/DRA CONVOY AT AQCHEH, DESTROYING FOUR TO FIVE MILITARY VEHICLES.

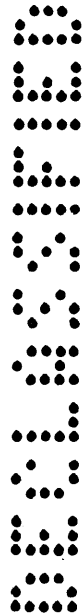
## 10. KANDAHAR:

AN AFGHAN REPORT SOURCED TO AN OBSERVER IN KANDAHAR CLAIMED THAT DRA UNITS FIGHTING OUTSIDE KANDAHAR JUNE 30-JULY 2 SUFFERED 400 KILLED AND WOUNDED, INCLUDING FOUR SENIOR OFFICERS. DIPLOMATIC SOURCES CONFIRM RECENT HEAVY FIGHTING OUTSIDE KANDAHAR CITY.

A DIPLOMAT WITH GOOD ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON HERAT REPORTED  
INTENSE FIGHTING IN THE PROVINCE. IN QAL'EH-YE NOW (POSSIBLY  
34'59"N 63'08"E) SOVIET/DRA FORCES SUFFERED 300 CASUALTIES  
IN FIGHTING DURING THE LAST WEEK OF JUNE (COMMENT: WE REGARD  
THIS REPORT AS UNCONFIRMED.) ON JUNE 28 MUJAHIDIN REPORTEDLY  
ATTACKED A SOVIET CONVOY ON THE FARYAB TO HERAT ROAD, INFLECTING  
MANY CASUALTIES.

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... DIPLOMATS ALSO REPORTED HEAVY FIGHTING IN FARAH. ON JUNE 30

... A SOVIET CONVOY MOVING NORTH TO HERAT WAS AMBUSHED 75 KMS.

... NORTH OF FARAH CITY.

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... 13. PAKTIA: ON THE EVENING OF JULY 1-2, ACCORDING TO A  
... RELIABLE DIPLOMAT WITH GOOD ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON PAKTIA,  
... MUJAHIDIN ROCKETED GARDEZ, DESTROYING TWO MILITARY VEHICLES.

MILITARY. TWO WERE KILLED.

16. BADGHIS:

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KNOWLEDGEABLE DIPLOMATS REPORTED HEAVY FIGHTING IN BADGHIS. ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, IN RECENT HEAVY SOVIET/DRA BOMBING OF VILLAGES OVER 300 CIVILIANS WERE WOUNDED OR KILLED. (COMMENT: WE HAVE NO SEPARATE CONFIRMATION FOR THIS REPORT.)

16. NANGARHAR:

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ON JUNE 25, ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT WITH GOOD ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON NANGARHAR, MUJAHIDIN KILLED MANY SOVIET TROOPS AT KHAS KAMAH (34'24"N 70'38"E), AFTER FIRST CAPTURING A NUMBER OF DRA TROOPS AND USING THEIR UNIFORMS TO INFILTRATE SOVIET/REGIME SECURE AREAS.

17. LAGHMAN:

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A KNOWLEDGEABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTED MUJAHIDIN RECENTLY CLASHED WITH AND CAPTURED SEVERAL DRA TROOPS WHO WERE FORMER STUDENTS, NEWLY DRAFTED AND SENT TO LAGHMAN. ONE OF THOSE CAPTURED WAS A FEMALE.

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18. MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS:

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(A) (NEW DEFENSES ON THE SALANG:) AN AFGHAN WHO REGULARLY TRAVELS THE SALANG ROAD CLAIMS THAT IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS THE DRA HAS ESTABLISHED APPROXIMATELY 30 TEN-MAN DEFENSE POSTS BETWEEN KABUL AND HAIRATAN, STAFFING THE NEW POSTS WITH MIXED MILITARY AND SARANDOI TROOPS.

(B) (JET FIGHTERS POSSIBLY EMPLOY FLARE DEFENSE:) AT MID-MORNING JULY 4, THREE PARACHUTE CLUSTER FLARES WERE OBSERVED IN THE PAGHMAN AREA. AT THE SAME TIME JETS WERE HEARD IN THE AREA, APPARENTLY CONDUCTING BOMBING STRIKES. (COMMENT: THE ABSENCE OF ANY OTHER UNUSUAL AIR ACTIVITY IN THE AREA AT THE TIME RAISES THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE JET FIGHTERS MAY HAVE DEPLOYED PARACHUTE FLARES TO PROVIDE COVER AGAINST AIR-TO-GROUND MISSILES AS THEY CONDUCTED THEIR BOMBING RUNS.)

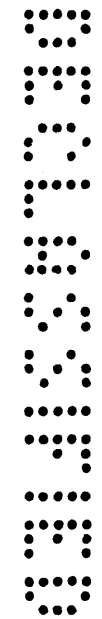
(C) (REPORTS OF AIRCRAFT DOWNINGS:) REVIEWING REPORTING FOR JUNE, THERE WERE 50 AIRCRAFT RELIABLY REPORTED AS DOWNED OR DESTROYED ON THE GROUND BY MUJAHIDIN. WE EXCLUDE FROM THIS COUNT SEVERAL REPORTS OF WHICH WE ARE SKEPTICAL. THIS TOTAL IS NOT ALL INCLUSIVE. LATE REPORTING (FROM MAY 23-29 FIGHTING IN PAKTIA) RAISES THE MAY TOTAL FROM 29, REPORTED PREVIOUSLY TO 39.

19. POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

(A) (CEASE-FIRE EXTENSION:) WHILE MOST REPORTS SUGGEST THAT THE DRA "CEASE-FIRE" WILL BE EXTENDED. SOME REPORTS INDICATE THAT NAJIB MAY COMPROMISE ON WHAT IS ALLEGED TO BE HIS OWN DESIRE TO EXTEND THE CEASE-FIRE SIX MONTHS BY AGREEING TO AN EXTENSION FOR EITHER FOUR OR EVEN ONLY ONE MONTH.

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(B) (OFFICIAL ASSESSES REPATRIATION PROGRAM IN KABUL:) A  
REGIME OFFICIAL WORKING IN THE REPATRIATE PROGRAM IN KABUL  
REPORTEDLY HAS CLAIMED GREAT DRA DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE  
FAILURE OF REFUGEES TO RETURN TO AFGHANISTAN UNDER THE REGIME'S  
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION STRATEGY. A GUEST HOUSE WITH FIVE  
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ROOMS ESTABLISHED IN KABUL FOR REPATRIATES REPORTEDLY IS  
VIRTUALLY EMPTY. THE OFFICIAL IS QUOTED AS CLAIMING THAT  
ALMOST NO REFUGEES HAVE RETURNED TO KABUL FROM THE U.S. OR  
WESTERN EUROPE AND THAT VERY FEW HAVE RETURNED FROM INDIA  
AND PAKISTAN.

20. HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS:

THE DRA, ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE AFGHAN SOURCE, HAS REQUIRED



ALL REGIME EMPLOYEES TO DONATE BLOOD. DONORS RECEIVE A BLUE STAMP ON THEIR PAPERS. THOSE WITHOUT THIS STAMP MUST EXPLAIN WHY THEY HAVE NOT DONATED BLOOD OR FACE DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

21. MEDICAL DEVELOPMENTS:

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A EUROPEAN PHYSICIAN CLAIMS THAT THERE ARE NEARLY 1,083,000 CASES OF MALARIA IN AFGHANISTAN, WITH PRINCIPAL INFECTION IN THE NORTH AND EAST. HE CLAIMS THAT MALARIA IS SPREADING ACROSS THE SOVIET-AFGHAN BORDER, PROMPTING SERIOUS SOVIET CONCERN. (COMMENT: WHILE WE ARE SKEPTICAL OF STATISTICS IN AFGHANISTAN, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH ALLEGE TO ADDRESS DEVELOPMENTS IN AREAS WHERE DRA CONTROL IS NEGLIGIBLE OR NON-EXISTENT, GIVEN THE ABSENCE OF ANY MALARIA PROPHYLAXIS OR ERADICATION ACTIVITIES IN MOST OF AFGHANISTAN FOR NEARLY A DECADE, A HIGH INCIDENCE IN REGIONS SUCH AS THE NORTH WHERE THE DISEASE TRADITIONALLY IS ENDEMIC IS PLAUSIBLE.)

22. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS:

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(A) (LOW UTILIZATION OF PRODUCTIVE POTENTIAL:) IN HIS JUNE 27 SPEECH TO THE "SUPREME COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION" NAJIB ADMITTED TO LOW UTILIZATION OF THE PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY OF FACTORIES AND PLANTS. HE CITED 3 PERCENT  
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UTILIZATION OF POTENTIAL FOR SUGAR PRODUCTION, 16 PERCENT FOR THREAD, 29 PERCENT FOR EDIBLE OIL, 37 PERCENT FOR WOOLEN TEXTILES, 55 PERCENT FOR COTTON FABRIC, AND 66 PERCENT FOR OTHER COTTON PRODUCTS. HE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ONLY ONE-QUARTER OF THE LAND WHICH HAD BEEN REDISTRIBUTED IN REGIME LAND REFORM SCHEMES IS BEING WORKED. HE BLAMED THIS ON THE FAILURE OF THE REGIME TO SUPPLY SMALL LANDHOLDERS WITH AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, IMPROVED SEEDS, FERTILIZER, CREDIT, AND WATER.

(B) (FREE DISTRIBUTION OF FLOUR AND OIL TO COUPON HOLDERS:) THE POLITBURO DECIDED AT ITS JUNE 25 MEETING TO COMMENCE FREE DISTRIBUTION OF FLOUR OR WHEAT AND EDIBLE OIL TO THE ESTIMATED 324,000 RECIPIENTS OF (MAINLY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES) OF GOVERNMENT COUPONS EFFECTIVE JULY 23. THE FOOD ALLOWANCE TO WORKERS, EMPLOYEES AND CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL FOR THEIR LUNCHES WILL ALSO BE INCREASED BY 50 PERCENT. MAKING THE STAPLES FREE WHEN IN THE PAST COUPON RECIPIENTS PAID A NOMINAL AMOUNT, E.G., 30 AFGHANIS FOR 7.5 KILOGRAMS OF FLOUR COMPARED TO THE MARKET PRICE OF APPROXIMATELY 250 AFGHANIS, CONSTITUTES A LARGER STATE SUBSIDY WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE REGIME, ALREADY AMOUNTS TO SIX BILLION AFGHANIS (APPROXIMATELY 34 MILLION DOLLARS AT THE CURRENT FREE MARKET EXCHANGE RATE) PER YEAR.

(C) (DOLLAR AT NEW HIGH AGAINST AFGHANI:) THE FREE MARKET

EXCHANGE RATE FOR THE DOLLAR HAS CLIMBED TO AN UNPRECEDENTED 178 AFGHANIS TO THE DOLLAR. AFGHANS FAMILIAR WITH THE MONEY MARKET ATTRIBUTE THIS RISE TO THE DEMAND CREATED BY AFGHAN PILGRIMS PURCHASING HARD CURRENCY TO MEET THE EXPENSES OF THE HAJ FOR WHICH THEY WILL DEPART SHOTLY. HOWEVER, THE DECLINE IN THE AFGHANI'S VALUE HAS BEEN STEADY FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS AND IT IS NOT EXPECTED TO REBOUND MORE THAN A FEW AFGHANIS AFTER THE PRESSURE CREATED BY THE PILGRIMS TO SAUDI ARABIA DROPS OFF.

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(D) (AFGHAN ENTREPRENEURS BURDENED BY GOVERNMENT REGULATION:)

AN AFGHAN ENTREPRENEUR HAS DESCRIBED LITTLE RELIEF FROM THE

DIFFICULTIES IMPOSED BY GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF RETAIL PRICES.

HE SAID THAT WITH THE DECLINE IN THE VALUE OF THE AFGHANI THE

PRICE FOR IMPORTED GOODS USED IN PRODUCTION CANNOT BE PASSED

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ON TO THE CONSUMER. DESPITE PROMISES MADE BY THE REGIME TO  
LIFT BUSINESS CONTROLS, THEY REMAIN IN EFFECT, CAUSING MANY  
BUSINESSES TO CLOSE RATHER THAN OPERATE AT A LOSS. MANY  
BUSINESSMEN REPORTEDLY OPT FOR THE IMPORT-EXPORT FIELD WHERE  
THEY ARE FREE OF MANY OF THE MOST ONEROUS GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS.

(E) (LOW PROPERTY VALUES NEAR SOVIET EMBASSY:) AN AFGHAN WHO  
OWNS PROPERTY IN KARTE SEH, THE DISTRICT NEAR SOVIET  
EMBASSY, AND ALSO IN WAZIR AKBAR KHAN, A DISTRICT ON THE OTHER

SIDE OF THE CITY, DESCRIBED PROPERTY VALUES IN WAZIR AKBAR KHAN AS CLIMBING AT A RATE FAR STEEPER THAN THOSE FOR PROPERTY IN KARTE SEH. HE SAID THAT SEVERAL VACANT HOUSES NEAR THE SOVIET EMBASSY REMAIN UNSOLD OR UNRENTED BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL TENANT CONCERNS FOR THE DANGERS POSED BY LIVING NEAR A PRINCIPAL TARGET FOR MUJAHIDIN ROCKETS.

(F) (SHIPMENT OF PRIVATE GOODS FROM HAIRATAN RESUMES:) AFTER A THREE WEEKS INTERRUPTION, SHIPMENT OF PRIVATE TRADE GOODS FROM HAIRATAN TO KABUL RESUMED JULY 4 WITH THE ARRIVAL OF OVER 150 TRUCKS BEARING PRIVATE GOODS AT THE KABUL CUSTOMS HOUSE. FOREIGN AND AFGHAN BUSINESSMEN CLAIM THAT THE REGIME, SINCE EARLY JUNE, HAS REQUIRED REGIME AND PRIVATE TRUCKERS TO TRANSPORT ONLY REGIME-OWNED COMMERCE FROM HAIRATAN.

23. KABUL MEDIA:

(A) (OFFICIALS PUNISHED FOR CORRUPTION:) KABUL MEDIA HAVE CARRIED REPORTS ON THE SCANDAL CONCERNING THE HIGHLY PUBLICIZED DISTRIBUTION OF GRATIS AID FROM THE SOVIET UNION TO IMPOVERISHED AFGHANS AND REPATRIATES. HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS IN THE PARTY PROVINCIAL COMMITTEES AND THE "COUNCILS OF PEOPLES DEPUTIES" IN KABUL AND BAMIAN PROVINCES HAVE BEEN PUNISHED AND IN SOME INSTANCES EXPELLED FROM THE PDPA.

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(B) (NAJIB ACKNOWLEDGES NATIONAL RECONCILIATION EFFORTS INADEQUATE:) IN HIS SPEECH TO THE SECOND SESSION OF THE "EXTRAORDINARY SUPREME COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION," JUNE 27, REPORTED IN DETAIL KABUL 1132 (NOTAL), NAJIB ADMITTED THAT SO FAR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION HAS PRODUCED FIRST FRUITS WHICH ARE "INADEQUATE AND BITTER." HE ALSO INDICATED THAT THE REGIME IS CONSIDERING A BAN ON ALCOHOL, AND STATED THAT "FAVORITISM HAS BROUGHT TO ZERO THE AUTHORITY OF THE PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT." HE OBSERVED THE PRESENT NAME OF THE STATE WAS THE RESULT OF "HASTE THAT KEEPS SEPARATE A PART OF OUR PEOPLE." NAJIB ALSO INDICATED THAT THE DRA "WOULD OFFICIALLY PROPOSE POSTS IN A SPECIFIC MANNER TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OPPOSITE SIDE" BY JULY 15.

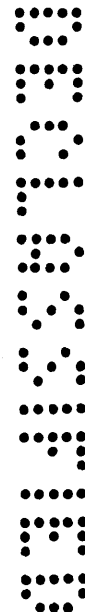
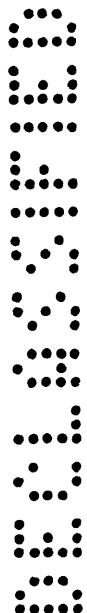
(C) (NAJIB ADMITS LIMITED REGIME CONTROL:) AT A PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN FOR THE "JOURNALISTS" WHO ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE FOR NON-ALIGNED JOURNALISTS IN KABUL (REFTEL), NAJIB ACKNOWLEDGED THAT "REVOLUTIONARY POWER" IS ONLY ESTABLISHED IN 8600 OUT OF THE 31,414 VILLAGES IN THE COUNTRY.

(D) (NEW MINISTRY FOR REPATRIATES ESTABLISHED:) KABUL MEDIA REPORTED ON JUNE 28 THAT THE DEPARTMENT WHICH HANDLES REPATRIATE AFFAIRS HAS BEEN ELEVATED TO THE STATUS OF A MINISTRY AND THAT THE FORMER GENERAL PRESIDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT, HASSAN SHARO, WILL BE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY. SHARO WAS ALSO APPOINTED

A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

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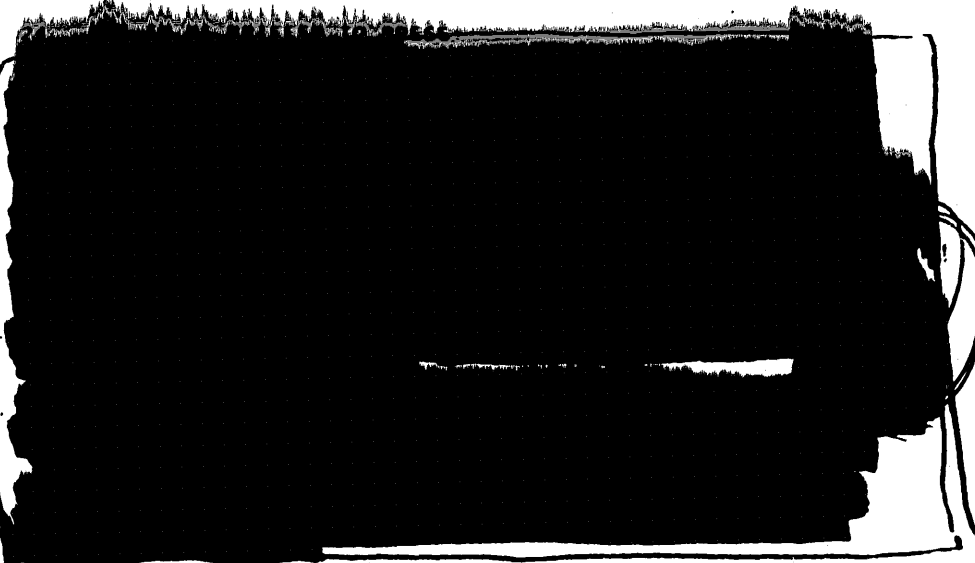
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(E) (CEASE-FIRE EXTENTION:) IN HIS JUNE 28 PRESS CONFERENCE, NAJIB SAID THAT "WE SHALL ANNOUNCE OUR FINAL POSITION PERTAINING TO (EXTENSION OF THE CEASE-FIRE) ON JULY 14." (COMMENT: THE SOVIET MEDIA HAS BEEN REPORTING THE CEASE-FIRE WOULD BE EXTENDED SINCE EARLY JUNE. IN ONE REPORT SOURCING NAJIB HIMSELF.)

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(F) (AFGHAN PROVINCIAL LINKS WITH SOVIET CENTRAL ASIA:) THE DRA MEDIA HAVE ANNOUNCED THE JUNE 28 SIGNING OF A PROTOCOL "ON DIRECT COOPERATION" BETWEEN NORTHERN AFGHAN PROVINCES AND THE SOVIET PROVINCES BORDERING AFGHANISTAN. THE ONE-YEAR PROTOCOL IS DESCRIBED AS "BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL ORGANS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE DRA AND THE TECHNO-EXPORT UNION OF MOSCOW."



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(D) (TIES WITH MOZAMBIQUE AND MADAGASCAR:) DRA MEDIA REPORTED ON JUNE 29 THAT ACTING DRA HEAD OF STATE SAMKANAI SENT MESSAGES TO HIS COUNTERPARTS IN MOZAMBIQUE AND MADAGASCAR PLEDGING FURTHER EXPANSION OF RELATIONS WITH EACH.

(F) (UN TO ASSIST RESETTLEMENT OF REPATRIATES?) IN HIS JUNE 27 SPEECH TO THE SECOND SESSION OF THE "EXTRAORDINARY SUPREME COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION" NAJIB STATED THAT IN THE FUTURE THE DRA "WILL BE ABLE TO DRAW (ON) THE ASSISTANCE OF VARIOUS UN COMMISSIONS AND COMMISSIONARIES FOR IMMIGRANTS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS" TO RESETTLE "REPATRIATES WHO RETURN IN RESPONSE TO THE REGIME'S NATIONAL RECONCILIATION CAMPAIGN."

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